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1. Claims 1-11

Device comprising an oscillating element for measuring viscosity.

2. Claims 1, 12-23

Device comprising a rotating measuring element for measuring viscosity.

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